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Technical examinations in Malayalam.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to hold Technical examinations in Malayalam Shorthand and Typewriting; and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 'Malayalam Shorthand' is one of the subjects in the scheme of Government Technical Examinations now in force. There is no proposal for including 'Malayalam Typewriting' in the scheme as the need for it has not been felt."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know, Sir, the names of institutions which give training in Malayalam Shorthand? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the list of institutions here. The question was whether the Government propose to hold Technical examinations in Malayalam Shorthand and Typewriting and I have answered that Malayalam Shorthand is one of the subjects in the scheme of Government Technical Examinations."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Is there a Malayalam typewriter, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, as far as I know Sir."

Women officers in the Prohibition Department.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many women gazetted officers have been appointed in the Prohibition Department in the State;

(*b*) how many persons committed offences under the Prohibition Act in the State during the year 1952;

(*c*) how many of them were women; and

(*d*) whether women constables are employed in this department?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Prohibition) :— " (*a*) None.

" (*b*) 77,302.

" (*c*) 5,828.

" (*d*) No, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, from the figures supplied by the Hon. Minister, we come to the conclusion that out of 7,232 persons who committed offences, about 5,800 happen to be women offenders. In view of the fact that women offenders are in a majority so far as Prohibition offences are concerned have not the Government